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Title:	Methods of Determination of Activation or Inactivation of Atrial Natriuretic Peptide (ANP) and Brain Natriuretic Peptide (BNP) Hormonal Systems		

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview held on June 30, 2010.

During the interview, the nature of the invention as being directed to an assay method comprising detection of the presence of both pro-ANP and pro-BNP in a single reading, in a single assay, was discussed. The Examiner suggested submission of a declaration as to unexpected results as a possible way to overcome the rejection for obviousness. In addition, the Examiner suggested amending the claims to specify a binding substance derived by the use of a unique immunogen (fusion protein).

Although no charges are believed to be due, if there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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